

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate the Plymouth High School Speech and Debate Team for their state championship.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate the Plymouth High School Speech and Debate Team for their state championship.

Whereas, Plymouth High School has a proud history of training their speech and debate team and once again brings home the state championship title;

Whereas, Thirty-five entries traveled from Plymouth to Indianapolis to defend their legacy by competing in Class AA state finals on March 21, 2009;

Whereas, With strong coaching and administrative support, the team orated to victory and brought home the twelfth state title in thirteen years;

Whereas, The students also re-captured the Lawson Trophy awarded to the top team across all participating schools and classes. The trophy returns to Plymouth for the sixth time after winning five consecutive years from 2000 to 2004;

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Whereas, Head Coach David McKenzie spoke proudly of professionalism and performance demonstrated by his Plymouth students remarking "They epitomize what it means to be a champion...";

Whereas, The Plymouth High School speech and debate program is celebrating its thirtieth year. Superintendent Dan Tyree, who remains a supportive advocate for the program, was part of the first competitive speech team in 1979 and served as head coach until 2000;

Whereas, Of the thirty-five entries, seven students qualified to represent Plymouth High School at the national tournament held in Birmingham, Alabama in June, by finishing either first or second place at the state competition;

Whereas, Those students whose speeches carried them to the top are: Duo - Richard Elm and Andy Sanchez (2nd); USA Extemp - Declan Fox (1st); Humor - Andy Langdon (1st); International Extemp - Rebecca Moberly (1st); Drama - John Patrick (2nd); and Original Oratory - Cam Robertson (2nd); and

Whereas, The student competitors with the Plymouth High School Speech and Debate team showcase the excellence of Indiana schools. This public speaking experience will carry them through their adult life and show the world the distinction of a strong Hoosier education: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby congratulates the
- 2 Plymouth High School speech and debate team on their state victory
- 3 and wishes them well as they travel to compete in national competition.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Plymouth Superintendent Dan
- 6 Tyree, Plymouth High School, and Head Coach David McKenzie.

